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SUBJECT: OER FOR WILLIAM B. FOLSOM

REF: CASABLANCA 0472, MAY 3, 1977

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA, COMMERCE APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF WILLIAM B. FOLSOM, REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE (RFA) FOR AFRICA DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

2. NMFS BELIEVES RFA'S PERFORMANCE TO BE EXCELLENT AND WORTHY OF FULL RECOGNITION BY THE RATING OFFICERS. NMFS BELIEVES THAT RFA'S REPORTS ON AFRICAN FISHERIES ARE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE IN THEIR DEPTH OF ANALYSIS, COVERAGE OF DETAIL, AND INTERESTING PRESENTATION. RFA FOLSOM'S REPORTS EVEN WHEN COMPARED WITH SIMILAR REPORTS ON AFRICAN FISHERIES BY PREVIOUS RFAS AS WELL AS WITH REPORTS SENT BY RFAS FROM OTHER POSTS, REFLECT AN UNUSUAL LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE.
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3. RFA'S REPORTS ON MADAGASCAR, KENYA, AND MAURITANIA WERE EARLIER CHARACTERIZED AS OUTSTANDING BY NMFS. RFA'S RECENT REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF MOROCCO IS CLEARLY AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE KNOWLEDGE

OF THAT COUNTRY'S FISHERIES. THE REPORT REFLECTS RFA

FOLSOM'S INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE, INTEREST, AND PROFESSIONAL SKILL IN FISHERIES REPORTING AND SERVES AS A MODEL OF THE TYPE OF EXEMPLARY REPORTING WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A SKILLED PROFESSIONAL RESIDING ABROAD.

4. RFA FOLSOM'S REPORTS ON LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, GHANA, AND TOGO, WHICH WERE PREPARED DURING THE LAST RATING PERIOD, ARE UNIFORMLY EXCELLENT AND NMFS VIEWS THEM AS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY OF AFRICAN FISHERIES.

5. NMFS ALSO NOTED THAT RFA'S ASSISTANCE TO THE U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY IN DAKAR AND MORE RECENTLY IN CASABLANCA, HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE INDUSTRY AS EXTREMELY VALUABLE. ONE U.S. COMPANY RECENTLY WROTE NMFS REGARDING RFA'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY AT THE DAKAR FISHERIES EXPOSITION AND NOTED THAT "THANKS TO HIS PRESENCE, THE PARTICIPATING U.S. COMPANIES EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS". NMFS ALSO NOTED THAT BENDER SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, WITH RFA ASSISTANCE, HAS RECENTLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR 5 FISHING VESSELS, WORTH OVER 1 MILLION DOLLARS. NMFS CONSIDERS THIS A SIGNIFICANT SALE IN VIEW OF STRONG FRENCH AND SPANISH INFLUENCE IN THIS MARKET AND IS HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL HELP TO OPEN ADDITIONAL AFRICAN MARKETS TO U.S. SHIPBUILDERS. RFA'S EFFORTS TO ADVANCE U.S. INTERESTS UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS ARE A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT.
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6. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE RFA'S WORKING WITH OTHER POSTS TO INSURE ALERT REPORTING ON MAJOR TRENDS IN AFRICAN FISHERIES. ANY ASSISTANCE RFA COULD RECEIVE IN ENCOURAGING AFRICAN POSTS TO ROUTINELY REPORT ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE VIEWED BY NMFS AS A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RFA'S EFFECTIVENESS AS AN OFFICER WITH REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

7. IN CONCLUSION, NMFS FEELS THIS OFFICER DESERVES FULL RECOGNITION FOR HIS CONSISTENTLY EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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